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Grades	Grade names and specifications
	Medium body, underripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
B4VF .....	Fair Greenish-tan Leaf. Medium body, underripe, close to firm, wavy, dull finish, narrow, 16" or over in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
B5VF .....	Low Greenish-tan Leaf. Medium body, underripe, close, wrinkly, dingy finish, stringy, 16" or over in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
B3VR .....	Good Greenish-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, underripe, firm, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
B4VR .....	Fair Greenish-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, 16" or over in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
B5VR .....	Low Greenish-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, 16" or over in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
B3GF .....	Good Green-tan Leaf. Fleshy to medium body, immature, firm to open, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
B4GF .....	Fair Green-tan Leaf. Fleshy to medium body, immature, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, 16" or over in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
B5GF .....	Low Green-tan Leaf. Fleshy to medium body, immature, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, 16" or over in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
B3GR .....	Good Green-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, immature, close to firm, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish, narrow to normal width, 18" or over in length, 85 percent uniform and 15 percent injury tolerance.
B4GR .....	Fair Green-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid to close, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow width, 16" or over in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
B5GR .....	Low Green-red Leaf. Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid, rough, dingy finish, stringy, 16" or over in length, 70 percent uniform and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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**§ 29.3154 Tips (T Group).**

This group consists of leaves usually grown at the top of the stalk. These relatively narrow and sharp-pointed leaves have the general characteristics

of B-Group tobacco. Tips have a slightly lower degree of maturity and leaf structure than other leaves on the stalk. (See Rule 12.)

Grades	Grade names and specifications
T3F .....	Good Tan Tips. Medium body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish and color intensity, narrow to normal width, under 16" in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
T4F .....	Fair Tan Tips. Medium body, mature, firm, wavy dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5F .....	Low Tan Tips. Medium body, mature, firm, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T3FR .....	Good Tannish-red Tips. Fleshy to medium body, mature to ripe, firm to open, wavy to even, moderate finish and color intensity, narrow to normal width, under 16" in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
T4FR .....	Fair Tannish-red Tips. Fleshy to medium body, mature, firm, wavy, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5FR .....	Low Tannish-red Tips. Fleshy to medium body, mature, firm, wrinkly, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T3R .....	Good Red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, mature to ripe, firm, wrinkly to wavy, moderate finish and color intensity, narrow to normal width, under 16" in length, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
T4R .....	Fair Red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, mature, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5R .....	Low Red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, mature, close, rough, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4D .....	Fair Dark-red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, mature, close, wrinkly, dull finish, weak color intensity, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5D .....	Low Dark-red Tips. Heavy to fleshy, underripe to mature, solid, rough, dingy finish, pale color intensity, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4K .....	Fair Variegated Tips. Fleshy, mature, close to firm, wrinkly, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5K .....	Low Variegated Tips. Heavy to fleshy, underripe to mature, solid to close, rough, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4VF .....	Fair Greenish-tan Tips.

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	Medium body, underripe, close to firm, wavy, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5VF .....	Low Greenish-tan Tips.
	Medium body, underripe, close, wrinkly, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4VR .....	Fair Greenish-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5VR .....	Low Greenish-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, underripe, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4GF .....	Fair Green-tan Tips.
	Fleshy to medium body, immature, close to firm, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5GF .....	Low Green-tan Tips.
	Fleshy to medium body, immature, close, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
T4GR .....	Fair Green-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid to close, wrinkly, dull finish, narrow, under 16" in length, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
T5GR .....	Low Green-red Tips.
	Heavy to fleshy, immature, solid, rough, dingy finish, stringy, under 16" in length, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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### § 29.3155 Mixed (M Group).

This group consists of tobacco of distinctly different groups which are mixed together in various combinations.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
M3F .....	Good Light Mixed.
	General quality of X3, C3, B3, T3, medium to tissuey body, light general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
M4F .....	Fair Light Mixed.
	General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, medium to tissuey body, light general color under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5F .....	Low Light Mixed.
	General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, medium to tissuey body, light general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
M3FR .....	Good Dark Mixed.
	General quality of X3, C3, B3, T3, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 15 percent injury tolerance.

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Grades	Grade names and specifications
M4FR .....	Fair Dark Mixed.
	General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5FR .....	Low Dark Mixed.
	General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, heavy to medium body, dark general color, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
M4K .....	Fair Variegated Mixed.
	General quality of X4, C4, B4, T4, fleshy to thin body, under 20 percent greenish, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5K .....	Low Variegated Mixed.
	General quality of X5, C5, B5, T5, fleshy to thin body, under 20 percent greenish, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
M4G .....	Fair Green Mixed.
	General quality of X4, C4, B4, and T4, heavy to tissuey body, immature, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
M5G .....	Low Green Mixed.
	General quality of X5, C5, B5, and T5, heavy to tissuey body, immature, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

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### § 29.3156 Nondescript (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group.

Grades	Grade names and specifications
N1L .....	First Quality Light Colored Nondescript
	Thin to tissuey body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1F .....	First Quality Medium Colored Nondescript
	Fleshy to medium body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1R .....	First Quality Dark Colored Nondescript
	Heavy to fleshy body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1G .....	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript
	60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N2L .....	Second Quality Light to Medium Colored Nondescript
	Medium to tissuey body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2R .....	Second Quality Medium to Dark Colored Nondescript
	Heavy to medium body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2G .....	Second Quality Crude Green Nondescript
	Over 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.

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### § 29.3157 Scrap (S Group).

A by-product of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates